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EDITORIALS

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION: SOME AFTER-THOUGHTS

Official Proceedings.—Minutes of the House of Delegates meetings appear in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and should be scanned by members who desire to keep in touch with official proceedings. Due to lack of space, Council minutes are held over for the July issue.

Current comment indicates that this year's gathering was one of the most successful annual sessions thus far held. The scientific programs of the general meetings, and of the twelve specialty sections, measured up to an excellent standard. The accessory meetings likewise were well attended. The preliminary conferences on Sunday, May 4, attracted large and earnest groups (microscopic, x-ray, clinical cancer, and industrial medicine) and gave evidence of increasing value to physicians who are interested in those fields of work. The scientific and technical exhibits and the film displays also reflected much credit upon the participants.

The worth of the plan in allocating each of the morning conferences for general meetings, with programs of appeal to physicians in general practice, and of allotting the afternoon periods to specialty sections, is becoming increasingly apparent. The elimination of the Tuesday afternoon play period has helped in the conservation of time and has made for better attendance in meetings of specialty groups.

The weather was excellent, the landscape and other features of the Monterey peninsula never appearing to better advantage.

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Hotel and Meeting Room Accommodations.

As the years go by, the task of finding adequate entertainment and meeting-room housing in a single hotel for an organization such as the California Medical Association, with its almost 7,000 members, grows greater rather than less. As a matter of fact, the historic Hotel Del Monte, in spite of some inadequacies, remains the one place in California in which the State Association finds at least a near-approach to satisfying its more pressing needs. Next year, through the erection of some additional cottages now under consideration, it is hoped to provide still better accommodations for several sections in which the overcrowding was evident.

Newly Elected Officers.—On Wednesday evening, May 7, at the close of the meeting of the House of Delegates, President-Elect Henry S. Rogers of Petaluma took over the responsibilities of the presidential office, Dr. Harry H. Wilson of Los Angeles, to whom the Association is indebted for much service, becoming the past president.

A newcomer in the California Medical Association Council is Dr. Frank R. Makinson of Oakland, of the Committee on Public Health Education, who succeeds Dr. O. D. Hamlin of the same city, Doctor Hamlin having expressed the wish to be relieved of duties after a long period of service on the Council, which began when he became president of the California Medical Association in 1912.

The newly elected president-elect is William R. Molony, Sr., of Los Angeles. Doctor Molony needs no introduction, because during his many years on the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California, as a member and as its president, he contacted a host of medical men and women who came before the body for licensure. Also in Los Angeles, in the component county society, it has been his privilege to serve in many capacities. Those who have worked with him in the past know that he will meet his responsibilities in both a conscientious and an efficient manner.

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Program Participants: An Invitation.—Much work in connection with the recent annual session still lies ahead for Council officers and headquarters staff, but for other members it is not too early to make plans for next year's meetings, which will again be held at Del Monte, on dates to be announced after the time for the American Medical Association meeting for 1942 is known. It is quite in order, therefore, for those who contemplate attendance next year to write for tentative reservations to the Hotel Del Monte.

The Committee on Scientific Work invites members who are interested in special subjects or studies to communicate with the respective section officers. Suggestions on any phase or activity of the annual session will be most welcome, and letters to the Association Secretary who, through by-law provision, is chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, will be given careful consideration. The names and addresses of the newly elected section officers appear on advertising page 6 of each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. Component county societies are requested to cooperate in these matters.

FALL PROGRAMS AND POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCES

Now Is the Time to Outline Fall Programs. Vacation days may be at hand for many physicians, even though not for secretaries of component societies who are alert to their responsibilities. For this is the time of the year in which a survey can well be outlined for the coming meetings of the fall months. Among queries deserving of thought by secretaries and the program committees may be mentioned:

What are the scientific topics worthy of early attention by local members?

Who are the local members to be contacted for possible presentations, either on general subjects, or for case reports or problems of special interest?

Concerning guest speakers to be invited, who in particular should be considered, and what subjects of discussion could be of most value? Regarding such guest speakers, also, it is advisable that invitations should be extended in ample time.

Shall the tentative arrangement of programs contemplate only isolated topics, or shall a plan of consecutive and interrelated subjects, in somewhat of a sequence, be carried through?

These and other questions of equal import may profitably come up for consideration.

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Clinical Conferences: An Old Topic, But Ever New.—And how about a Postgraduate or Clinical Conference?

Could such a refresher course be made to interest members, not only your own, but physicians practicing in adjacent societies?

What are the subjects that would probably prove of greatest value, and do local members have a preference for certain guest speakers?

Where could such a clinical conference be held to best advantage? Who would be the local member or members to be depended upon to make the necessary arrangements—and then carry them through?

The California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities urges every component county society to give earnest consideration to the desirability of sponsoring a clinical conference. Correspondence with the Association Secretary is invited. Information on best methods of procedure will be sent to all who may be interested. Keep in mind that many communications may be necessary from the headquarters office, before arrangements, satisfactory to all concerned, can be completed. Early attention to these matters is requested.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE: MEDICAL MEASURES

Legislative Committee Has a Hard Job.—

Members of the medical profession have this in common with other citizens: they breathe a sigh of relief when adjournment day for a legislative session becomes a fact. Not so much because the legislators are primarily inimical to the needs of public health and medical practice—for they are really not—but owing, rather, to the uncertainty of what may happen so long as prospective statutes, lying perhaps in committee files, can be reported out for consideration on assembly and senate floors.

Only those who have borne responsibilities in legislative matters can fully appreciate the subconscious unrest borne by members of the California Medical Association Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, and the associates and workers upon whom they depend for aid, and how grateful these committeemen are when a controversial measure is settled one way or the other. Even so unpleasant an experience as the unexpected veto of legislation sponsored by the profession is